

BOREHAM WOOD 0, WYCOMBE WANDERERS 5

THIS WAS Wanderers third victory in six days and to score five goals away from home is no mean feat, even allowing for the fact the opposition may have had an off-day.

Wanderers continued to play the good football displayed against Chalfont St Peter and Chesham earlier in the week and stepped up on the number of strikes on goal and more important improved on the rate of scoring.

In the previous two matches they carved out ten chances a game and scored twice. On Saturday they made 15 chances and netted five of them. There cannot be much wrong with a team that achieves this rate of strike and ratio of successes away from home.

Within four minutes Wycombe had gained two corners, both of which were played short and came to nothing. Then followed a series of fouls by Boreham Wood, which referee Robinson clamped down on hard. Alan Phillips had a strike at goal but was well over and a corner by Micky Holifield deceived everyone and sailed past the far post for a goal kick.

After 20 minutes the Wanderers opened their account and in some style. John Priestley won the ball near the right hand corner flag and worked his way along the goal line beating two players on the way and hit a hard cross which the diving Tony Horseman headed firmly home. At the other end Boreham Wood made their first attack but it produced no shot and then Dave Lawrence found himself clear of the defence with only Peter Spittle to beat, but was outguessed by the goalkeeper.

GOOD MOVE

An excellent move by Wycombe in the 31st minute produced a Holifield goal. Graham MacKenzie receiving the ball on the right called Paul Birdseye to go forward down the wing and chipped a beautiful ball over the defence. Birdseye gathered the ball and centred for Derek Harris to head back across the goal for Holifield to head home.

Within two minutes Bobby Davies broke down the left and his centre - cum - shot sailed over the head of the advancing 'keeper for Wycombe's third goal.

Graham MacKenzie (twice), Roger Day and Bobby Davies all went close

before Wanderers fourth goal just on half time.

A long throw-in by Paul Birdseye was back-headed by Tony Horseman across the goal and planted into the net by Derek Harris.

On the restart the home side cleared off the line and further good moves by Wycombe were thwarted by the 'keeper cutting out the crosses.

In the 52nd minute Boreham Wood produced one of their rare attacks which necessitated Peter Spittle putting the ball over the bar.

The Wanderers got back on the attack with fine runs down the left side by Graham MacKenzie and John Priestley.

A BEAUTY

In the 57th minute came an extraordinary incident. Alan Phillips and Nicky Jackson both rose to the cross, Jackson pitched forward into the area, play continued for several seconds before the referee awarded a penalty, maintaining Phillips pushed Jackson. Jeff Batten sent Spittle the wrong way but the ball went well wide.

In the 70th minute Wycombe scored their fifth goal and what a beauty it was. Micky Holifield received a Bob Davies' throw-in, turned, beat his man and sped to the goal line. His high centre was met by Priestley on the half volley, which flashed into the net.

Play fluctuated from end to end with both teams winning corners which proved fruitless. Just before the end Wycombe had two further strikes at goal. First MacKenzie was put clear through by Derek Harris but had his shot smothered and then a good cross by Kennedy found Derek Harris who headed over.

BOREHAM WOOD: Waller, Howard, Hull, Griggs, Carretta, Lawrence, Bevens, Jones, Batten, Jackson, Skingle. Sub: Apps (64th min for Batten).

WYCOMBE: Spittle, Birdseye, Davies, Mead, Phillips, Priestley, MacKenzie, Holifield, Day, Harris, Horseman. Sub: Kennedy (65th min) for Horseman).